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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR 20 JUNE SESSION

UN HAS TODAY CIRCULATED AN ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE COMMITTEE'S 20TH SESSION, TO BE HELD IN VIENNA
20 JUNE - 1 JULY.

2. THE AGENDA APPEARS TO BE IN GOOD ORDER. IT READS
AS FOLLOWS:

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ANNOTATIONS

ITEM 1: WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF AUSTRIA

1. COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAN'S VENTURE INTO
OUTER SPACE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA WILL
SPEAK TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER
SPACE AS WELL AS TO INVITED MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC
COMMUNITY OF VIENNA. DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE SEATED BY 2:45P.M.
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ITEM 5: REPORT OF THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE (A/AC.105/196)

2. AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION, THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE IN
ITS REPORT TO THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(A/31/20, PARA. 27) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4

OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION A/31/8, CONTINUED TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH THE SAME HIGH PRIORITY; (A) THE DRAFT TREATY RELATING TO THE MOON; (B) THE ELABORATION OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING WITH THE VIEW TO CONCLUDING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS; AND (C) LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM SPACE, WITH THE PARTICULAR AIM OF FORMULATING DRAFT PRINCIPLES ON THE BASIS OF COMMON ELEMENTS IDENTIFIED BY IT. THE SUB-COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED MATTERS RELATING TO THE DEFINITION AND/OR DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE AND OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES.

3. THE VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 13-35, AS WELL AS IN ANNEXES I-III OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

4. THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS DRAWN IN PARTICULAR TO THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT WHICH REQUIRE THE CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(A) PARAGRAPH 6 OF ANNEX II WHEREIN WORKING GROUP II OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IN VIEW OF THE PROGRESS MADE DURING THE CURRENT SESSION ALL DELEGATIONS WOULD TRY THEIR BEST IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES SO THAT THE TASK ENTRUSTED TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/8 WOULD BE FULFILLED AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE, TO BE HELD IN VIENNA.

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(B) PARAGRAPH 13 CONTAINING A PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTER SPACE TREATY. IN THIS CONNEXION, THE SUB-COMMITTEE, NOTING THAT 10 OCTOBER 1977 WOULD BE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES, APPROVED A DRAFT RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED THE COMMITTEE TO FORWARD IT FOR ADOPTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(C) PARAGRAPH 35 CONTAINS THE VIEWS OF THE MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THE ITEM ON DEFINITION AND/OR DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE AND OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES.

(D) PARAGRAPH 16 WHEREIN THE SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT THE FORMER PRACTICE AGREED TO BY THE COMMITTEE AT THE 107TH MEETING ON 15 DECEMBER 1971 (A/AC.105/PV, P. 32) AND REAFFIRMED DURING ITS EIGHTEENTH

SESSION IN 1975 OF HOLDING THE MEETING OF THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE IN ROTATION BETWEEN GENEVA AND NEW YORK (A/1020, PARA. 56) SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND REFLECTED IN THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 1978.

(E) THE SUB-COMMITTEE DID NOT MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THIS YEAR AS TO ITS WORK PROGRAMME FOR 1978 OR PRIORITIES TO BE ACCORDED TO ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA. THE COMMITTEE THEREFORE WILL HAVE TO DECIDE ON THIS MATTER.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE (A/AC.105/195)

5. AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION, THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE IN ITS REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION (A/31/20, PARA. 71), AND GENERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/8, CONTINUED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE CONSIDERATION OF (1) QUESTIONS RELATING TO REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH BY SATELLITES; (2) THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON SPACE APPLICATIONS; AND (3) OPTIONS RELATING TO A POSSIBLE UNUNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE MATTERS.

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6 THE VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 17-128 OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT. THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS DRAWN IN PARTICULAR TO THE PARAGRAPHS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT LISTED BELOW, WHICH REQUIRED THE CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

REMOTE SENSING

(A) PARAGRAPHS 25-32, WHICH CONTAIN THE RESULTS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE QUESTION OF DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "DATA" AND "INFORMATION" AND FORMULATION OF TWO NEW DEFINITIONS (SEE PARA. 30 AND ALSO PARA. 16 OF ANNEX III, OF THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT).

(B) PARAGRAPHS 33-40, CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL TO CLASSIFY REMOTE SENSING DATA INTO VARIOUS CATEGORIES. IN THIS CONNEXION, THE SUB-COMMITTEE SUGGESTED THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD CONDUCT A STUDY RELATING TO A TECHNICAL DEFINITION OF SPATIAL RESOLUTION (SEE PARAS. 37 AND 38).

(C) PARAGRAPHS 69-75, WHEREIN THE SUB-COMMITTEE
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DISCUSSES THE UNITED NATIONS ROLE IN CO-ORDINATING OF TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, IN PARTICULAR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE OR TWO INTERNATIONAL CENTRES TO CO-ORDINATE THESE ACTIVITIES. IN THIS CONNEXION, THE SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED:

(I) THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE CENTRE IN FAO IN THE AREA OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES; AND (II) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRE IN UNITED NATIONS/CNRET IN THE AREA OF NON-AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES (SEE PARA. 73).

(D) PARAGRAPHS 76-82, WHEREIN THE RESULTS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN CO-ORDINATING THE ACTIVITIES IN OTHER AREAS IS REFLECTED PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL OF EXPERTS TO CARRY OUT SUCH CO-ORDINATION. THE SUB-COMMITTEE FELT IN THIS CONNEXION THAT WHILE IT WAS NOT ESSENTIAL AT THE PRESENT STAGE TO ESTABLISH SUCH A PANEL, IT MIGHT IN DUE COURSE BECOME NECESSARY (SEE PARA. 77) AND REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY AIMED AT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AT THE AREA OF REMOTELY-SENSED DATA COLLECTED BY SPACE PLATFORMS (SEE PARA. 81).

UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON SPACE APPLICATIONS

(E) PARAGRAPHS 88-108, WHICH CONTAIN A REVIEW BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON SPACE APPLICATIONS

AND A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME FOR 1978 (SEE PARA. 103). THE VIEWS RELATING TO FUTURE REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME ARE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 104.

SOUNDING ROCKET LAUNCHING STATIONS

(F) PARAGRAPH 128, WHEREIN THE SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CONTINUE TO GRANT SPONSORSHIP TO ROCKET LAUNCHING STATIONS IN INDIA AND ARGENTINA RESPECTIVELY.

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FUTURE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

(G) PARAGRAPHS 115-118, WHICH CONTAIN A REVIEW OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S FUTURE ROLE AND WORK AND ITS RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WORK OF ITS FIFTEENTH SESSION IN 1978 (SEE PARAS. 118 AND 119). PARAGRAPHS 85 AND 86 CONTAIN THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITS FUTURE WORK IN THE AREA OF REMOTE SENSING.

(H) PARAGRAPH 122, WHERE THE SUB-COMMITTEE REVIEWED ITS CONSIDERATION OF SPACE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND REQUESTED THE ADVICE OF THE COMMITTEE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE SUB-COMMITTEE SHOULD EMBARK ON A BROADER STUDY OF THIS QUESTION AND IF SO, TO PROVIDE THE SUB-COMMITTEE WITH CLEAR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS QUESTION.

ITEM 7: QUESTION OF CONVENING A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE

7. PARAGRAPHS 109-114 CONTAIN THE RESULTS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF THE OPTIONS RELATING TO A POSSIBLE CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE MATTERS CONCERNING WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT, AT THE TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE, AN ITEM ENTITLED "CONVENING OF A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE MATTERS" BE INSCRIBED ON ITS AGENDA AND THAT THE COMMITTEE CONSIDER, INTER ALIA, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SMALL TASK FORCE OR AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF MEMBER STATES TO CONSIDER ALL THE FACTORS INVOLVED AND ANY FURTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION AND REPORT TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE AT ITS FIFTEENTH SESSION ON SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES, ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A PROPOSED CONFERENCE (SEE PARA. 114).

ITEM 8: OTHER MATTERS

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8. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/8
OF 12 NOVEMBER 1976, WHICH REQUESTED THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION TO PURSUE ACTIVELY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
ITS TROPICAL CYCLONE PROJECT AND TO REPORT THEREON TO
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WMO HAS SUBMITTED A REPORT ON
ITS TROPICAL CYCLONE PROJECT (A/AC.105/197).

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